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1120 Stakeholders

We are pleased to post the third draft (version 2005v1.2) of the Tax Year (TY) 2005 XML schemas that include the latest tax law and tax form changes. On September 1st, we posted the TY 2005 test scenarios found in Publication 4162, Modernized e-File Test Package for Forms 1120/1120S for Tax Year 2005. We plan to begin Assurance Testing (ATS) on November 7, 2005.

XML Schemas

The third draft of the TY 2005 XML schemas are for all 1120/1120S/7004 forms and schedules (new version 2005v1.2). The schemas are posted in the **ATS System** table at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html>. The "Diff Files" are included that show the changes from the previous schema versions. The **Production System** table contains the current valid schemas for Forms 1120, 1120S and 7004 that are still being used to process TY 2003 and 2004 tax returns, and TY 2004 timely-filed extensions.

Please note: The Instance Document contained in this publishing is viewable with any generic MIME-reader.

Business Rules

Release 3.2 Business Rules for TY 2005 (new version 2005v1.2) are posted in two different formats that contain identical information – Adobe (.pdf) and a comma separated file (.csv). A column within the file identifies changes made from the last posted version to help clarify changes made. New business rules are posted in the **ATS System** table at <http://www.irs.gov/taxpros/providers/article/0,,id=97626,00.html>. As with the XML schemas, current valid Business Rules for TY 2003 and TY 2004 are shown in the **Production System** table.

Key Changes

It was previously stated that TY2003 and 2004 schema and/or business rule changes would be published on October 14, 2005. However, due to recent tax form information, we are postponing the publication of the prior year changes until November in order to minimize the number of software revisions.

As always if you have any questions or comments, please contact us through the Topica group or the ETA 1120 Team at 1120@irs.gov. You can also contact Xan Ostro at (202) 283-7697 or Joan Barr from the ETA team at (202) 283-2572. For questions on 7004, please contact Linda Lateef from the ETA team at (202) 283-0014.